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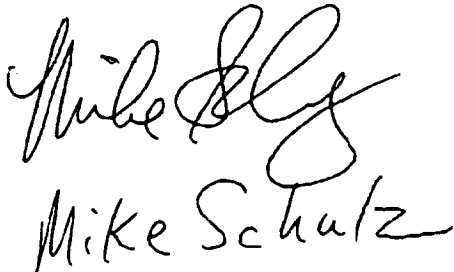
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to voice my support for the settlement that Microsoft reached with Department of Justice in the anti-trust lawsuit against Microsoft. Microsoft is a good company whose success should not be punished. I am glad the matter was resolved and hopeful that no further court action will be taken.

Microsoft made many concessions to bring this case to settlement; some items that I do not believe were necessary. The settlement calls for the establishment of a three-person technical oversight committee that will watch over Microsoft's business operations. Any company can lodge a complaint against Microsoft and the committee will handle the resolution of the dispute. This will allow competition in the technology industry and provide consumers with better choices in the marketplace, which is certainly in the best interest of the public.

Microsoft is a great company. They are successful today because of innovative ideas and smart business decisions. It is time to let the people at Microsoft get back to the business of shaping the technology industry. I would like to see the lawsuit settled and bring an end to this costly litigation.

Sincerely,



Mike Schutz